

written representation and the submissions made at the hearing, came to the conclusion that no special audit was called for.

Number of Sick Wagons and Repair thereof

2700. DR. RANEN SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of wagons has become sick and they are lying in different Railway Workshops and stations causing shortage of running wagons in the Railways; and

(b) if so, steps taken to repair the sick ones and to manufacture the new ones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) No, the total number of ineffective wagons is close to the bare permissible minimum.

(b) Necessary machinery already exists to repair sick wagons which are a normal feature of railway working. New wagons are also being manufactured subject to the availability of funds, production capacity and traffic needs.

Supply of Power to West Bengal

2701. DR. RANEN SEN :

SHRI SAMAR GUHA :

Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether supply of power in West Bengal is inadequate for industries and other sectors ;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the demand for power?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI SIDDHESHWAR PRA-SAD) : (a) to (c). In West Bengal, power restrictions are in force in respect of power supply to the industries and other sectors since the power availability is short of demand. The augmentation of power generating capacity in the State has not

kept pace with the demand and plant availability was also low, resulting in the shortages. With the stabilising of the new generating unit of 120 MW at Santaldih, and augmentation of generating capacity in West Bengal System during the course of the Fifth Plan and improvement in plant operations the power position will improve considerably. During the Fifth Plan period, additional generating capacity to the extent of 768 MW is proposed to be commissioned in the State. A close watch is being kept on the progress of projects under construction so as to enable their being commissioned on schedule.

Committee to go into the working of O & N.G.C.

2702. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH, MALIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a Committee or a Commission to go into the working of the Oil and Natural Gas Commission ;

(b) if so, the composition thereof ; and

(c) the time by which it will submit its report to Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

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2703. श्री श्रींकार लाल बेरवा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या देहरादून एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी में नई दिल्ली स्टेशन पर, कुछ डिब्बे काट दिये जाते हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हा, तो इन डिब्बों को पुरानी दिल्ली तक ले जाने में सरकार को क्या कठिनाई है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (जी मुहम्मद सक्की कुरैशी): (क) जी हाँ। लेकिन विभिन्न राज्यों के उतने ही सवारी डिब्बे लगा भी दिये जाते हैं।

(ख) दिल्ली स्टेशन पर सुबह और शाम गाड़ियों के भारी जमघट के समय मेटिंग की कठिनाइयों और गाड़ियाँ खड़ी करने की पर्याप्त सुविधाओं के न होने के कारण दिल्ली स्टेशन पर इन सवारी डिब्बों को लगाना और प्रचलन करना व्यावहारिक नहीं है।

पश्चिम रेलवे में गाड़ों को गरम शोवरकोट देना

2704. श्री श्रीकार लाल बेरबा : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बनाने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या पश्चिम रेलवे के कुछ भागों में गाड़ों को गरम शोवरकोट देना बंद कर दिया गया है,

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो कौन-कौन से क्षेत्रों में, और

(ग) ऐसा क्यों किया गया है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप-मंत्री (जी मुहम्मद सक्की कुरैशी): (क) जी हाँ।

(ख) रतलाम मंडल, भाबनगर मंडल, राजकोट मंडल, मदार को छोड़कर अजमेर मंडल, मदार-रेवाड़ी खण्ड और उजलाइन के उत्तर और दक्षिण के खण्डों को छोड़कर जयपुर मंडल और भरतपुर-बकाना खण्ड को छोड़कर कोटा मंडल में।

(ग) रेलवे बोर्ड के सलाहिलत वहाँ विधियों के अनुसार शोवरकोट 'केवल उद्योगों में' और 'प्रत्यक्ष ठंडे' क्षेत्रों में सप्लाई किये जाते हैं। चूंकि भाग (ख) में उल्लिखित क्षेत्र दोनों में से किसी कोटि के अन्तर्गत नहीं आते इसलिए, वहाँ उन्नी शोवर कोटो की सप्लाई स्वीकार्य नहीं है।

Appeal to Contestant of Elections in U.P. Orissa and Manipur to consume less Petrol

2705 SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSII : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the shortage of petrol any appeal was made by his Ministry to the candidates for the Assembly elections in U.P., Orissa and Manipur for restricting consumption of petrol to the minimum, and

(b) if so, whether any positive reply came from any candidate in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Electric Train between Howrah and Waltair

2706 SHRI SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a plan to run electric driven passenger trains between Howrah and Waltair, if so, from when; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to discontinue electric trains to conserve power in view of acute power shortage in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MOHD. SHAFI QURESHI): (a) Howrah-Kharagpur section is already electrified and passenger trains are also running on this section. As regards the remaining section between Kharagpur and Waltair, there is at present, no proposal to electrify the same.

(b) No.